



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Paul R. Szatkowski, Selectman

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

7:30 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton and Selectman Szatkowski. Also in attendance was Town Counsel Martin Lawlor.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: First Selectman Knickerbocker called the regular meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Public Comments: Speaking in favor of the Summerfest Activities which include the closure of PT Barnum Square: Terri Craybas, (presented a petition of storeowners/residents in favor of closing the street), Alice Hutchinson, Perry Anastasakis, Dave Coleman, Lisa Tassone, Nick Hoffman, Robert Craybas, and Paula Antolini. Speaking against the closure of PT Barnum Square during the Summerfest Activities: Gail Furniss (presented a petition of storeowners/residents opposed to closing the street)

Correspondence: Housing Authority tenant representative recommendation.

Minutes of March 15, 2016 Regular Meeting: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of March 24, 2016 Special Meeting: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of March 30, 2016: Selectman Szatkowski made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of April 4, 2016 Special Meeting: Selectman Straiton made a motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Knickerbocker, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business # 4 – Consideration of Appointment to the Housing Authority. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to add to tonight's agenda, under New Business # 5 – Consideration of Fire Hydrant Agreement with Danbury 8-24 referral. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

First Selectman Report: First Selectman Knickerbocker reported that the bridge project at Walnut and Whittlesey has begun; the official groundbreaking was on the 14th and road projects begin next week. He also noted there may be reductions to the funding received from the State.

Old Business

1.) Consideration of establishing Public Hearing dates for proposed ordinances

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to establish a Public Hearing date of Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinances for Additional Exemption for Veterans, Hazards to Public Roadways, Overnight Parking, Snow & Ice Removal and Noise. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

New Business

1.) Consideration of recommendation from Train Station Committee – tenant for train station

Michael Boyle, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission and a member of the Train Station Committee advised that the Train Station Committee, after careful consideration of the seven (7) proposals received and interviews held with four (4), by

unanimous vote, have recommended that the lease for the Train Station be awarded to Broken Symmetry Gastro Brewery.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the recommendation from the Train Station Committee and offer the lease to Broken Symmetry Gastro Brewery. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

It was noted that there are several legislative actions still to happen; a public hearing and a Special Town Meeting would be required. Town Counsel Martin Lawlor will work with the new tenant on the actual lease.

2.) Consideration of recommendation from Public Site & Building Commission – Architectural/Engineering Professional Services

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to approve the recommendation from the Public Site & Building Commission and award Jacunski Humes Architects LLC Of Berlin, Connecticut, the contract for Architectural/Engineering Professional Services for the sum of \$800,00 for the Police Station Project. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

3.) Consideration of appointment –Municipal Board of Appeals

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that pursuant to section 29-266 of the CGS, we need to appoint this board, to be known as the Municipal Board of Appeals, formerly the Basic Building Code of Appeals, under the Town's Housing Regulations.

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to appoint Peter Valenti, Richard Straiton, John Leaden, Peter Schneider and Heidi Lock to the Municipal Board of Appeals. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

4.) Consideration of appointment – Housing Authority

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to table this appointment. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

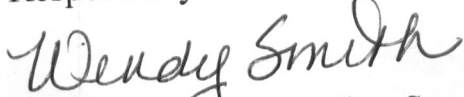
5.) Consideration of Fire Hydrant Agreement with Danbury 8-24 referral

First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Szatkowski, to refer to the Planning & Zoning Commission, under the provisions of State

Statute 8-24 the Fire Hydrant Agreement with Danbury for their report, and approve the easement to be granted to the City of Danbury. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, First Selectman Knickerbocker made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Vote, all in favor. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Wendy Smith Recording Secretary